



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Viehland Confirmation No. 8672
Serial No. 10/687,970 Group Art Unit 2862
Filed October 20, 2003 Examiner Ledynh

For MAGNETOELECTRIC MAGNETIC FIELD SENSOR WITH
LONGITUDINALLY BIASED MAGNETOSTRICTIVE LAYER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION FOR A FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a four month extension of time to respond to the office action mailed January 24, 2005. A check for \$795 is attached to satisfy the extension of time fee.

Applicant elects the Species I invention identified as Figure 2 of the application. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 1, 15 and 19 are generic for both species. The claims which read on the elected species includes claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19.

Please proceed to examination on the merits.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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